

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A barricade system comprising

(A) supports which are positionable in a spaced-apart fashion across a path to be closed; and

(B) a lightable rope which is fastenable to the supports to close the path to vehicular traffic and which is energizable by a single electrical power source.

2. A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the electrical power source comprises a generator.

3. A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the electrical power source comprises an electrical outlet.

4. A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the barricade system further comprises a reel on which the lightable rope can be retained.

5. A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the supports comprise stanchions and bases which hold the stanchions.

6. A barricade system of claim 5, wherein the stanchions are removable from the bases.

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7. A barricade system of claim 5, wherein the stanchions further comprise clips in which the lightable rope is selectively held.
8. A barricade system of claim 1, further comprising a controller which regulates illumination of the lightable rope.
9. A barricade system of claim 8, wherein the controller regulates a frequency of the illumination of the lightable rope.
10. A barricade system of claim 8, wherein the controller regulates a duration of the illumination of the lightable rope.
11. A barricade system of claim 1, further comprising a trailer which carries the supports and the lightable rope when the barricade system is not in use.
12. A barricade system of claim 7, wherein the path is an airport taxiway.

13. A barricade system comprising:

(A) supports which are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion across an airport taxiway; and

(B) a lightable rope which is fastened to the supports to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic and which is energized by a single electrical power source.

14. A barricade system comprising:

(A) a trailer;

(B) supports which are carried on the trailer when the system is not in use and which, when in use, are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion on a path to be closed; and

(C) a lightable rope which is carried on the trailer when the system is not in use and which, when in use, is fastened to the supports to close the path to vehicular traffic; and

(D) a portable generator which is supported on the trailer and which supplies electrical power to the lightable rope when the system is in use.

15. A system for closing a path to vehicular traffic comprising:

(A) stanchions which are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion across the path; and

(B) a single illuminatable barricade which is fastened to all of the stanchions to close the path to prevent vehicular traffic and is energized by an electric power source.

16. A system for closing a path to vehicular traffic comprising:

(A) a moveable platform;

(B) stanchions which are carried on the moveable platform when the system is not in use and which, when in use, are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion on the path;

5 (C) an illuminatable barricade which is carried on the moveable platform when the system is not in use and which, when in use, is fastened to all of the stanchions to close the path to vehicular traffic;

(D) an electric power source which is carried on the moveable platform and which powers the illuminatable barricade; and

10 (E) a controller which regulates the electric power source.

17. A method of closing a path comprising:

(A) positioning supports across the path in a spaced-apart fashion;

(B) fastening a lightable rope to the supports to close the path to vehicular traffic; and

5 (C) energizing the lightable rope with a single electrical power source.

18. A method of claim 17, further comprising regulating the supply of electrical power to the lightable rope from the power source.

19. A method of claim 18, wherein the frequency of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.

20. A method of claim 18, wherein the duration of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.

21. A method of claim 17, further comprising:

- (A) de-energizing the lightable rope;
- (B) removing the lightable rope from the supports; and
- (C) removing the supports from the path.

22. A method of claim 21, further comprising winding the lightable rope onto a reel.

23. A method of claim 17, wherein the path closed is an airport taxiway.

24. A method of closing an airport taxiway comprising:

- (A) positioning supports across the airport taxiway in a spaced-apart fashion;
- (B) fastening a lightable rope to the supports to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic; and

5 (C) lighting the lightable rope with a single electrical power source.

25. A method of closing a path comprising:

(A) transporting a barricade system to the path to be closed, the barricade system including:

(1) a trailer;

(2) supports which are carried on the trailer; and

(3) a lightable rope which is wound onto a reel on the trailer;

(B) removing the supports from the trailer;

(C) positioning the supports across the path in a spaced-apart fashion;

(D) unwinding the lightable rope from the reel;

(E) fastening the lightable rope to the supports to close the path to vehicular traffic; and

(F) lighting the lightable rope with a generator mounted on the trailer.

26. A method of claim 25, further comprising regulating the supply of electrical power to the lightable rope from the generator.

27. A method of claim 26, wherein the frequency of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.

28. A method of claim 26, wherein the duration of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.

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29. A method of claim 25, further comprising, between steps (A) and (B), transporting the trailer to a position located laterally adjacent the path.

30. A method of claim 25, further comprising:

- (A) de-energizing the lightable rope;
- (B) removing the lightable rope from the supports;
- (D) removing the supports from the path; and
- (E) stowing the supports and the lightable rope on the trailer.